

26 July 25. CAUGHT HIS FISH ON GRAND BANK.

CAPT. RUDOLPH OF SCH. MYSTERY SAW BUT FEW VESSELS ON BANK.

Capt. Charles Rudolph of the salt trawl banker Mystery, which arrived home this morning, reports fishing recently on Grand Bank, to the southeast of the Whale Deep, but say no American vessels except sch. Terra Nova, which came home a few days ago.

Capt. Rudolph says there are no fish yet at the Virgin Rocks and that the "white water" is very much in evidence. Leaving Grand Bank, he came up to Sable Island, where he found some fish and also a few squid off the island. It looked to him as though squid were just coming on.

On Quero Bank he spoke sch. Flora S. Nickerson and her skipper reported getting about 12,000 pounds of cod to a set.

Capt. Rudolph, who is the dean of the salt bank fleet in point of years of service from this port, having been commanding vessels from here for over 40 years or more, feels quite badly from the fact that on this trip his craft went ashore at the island of Anticosti and had to go on the ways at Hawkesbury for repairs. In all his going, this is his first mishap and his friends tell him he shouldn't feel so badly for but one accident in over 40 years of command is a record to be proud of.

New Digby, N. S., Schooner.

Joseph McGill, of Shelburne, N. S., has construction well advanced on the fishing schooner he is building for Captain Joseph E. Snow, of Digby. She is of the most up-to-date model for fresh fishing, from lines specially prepared by McManus, the noted designer of Boston. The keel will also be laid at once for a semi-knockabout fishing schooner of 125 tons, for parties in Newfoundland.

Favor Enforcement of the Law.

The Harbor Grace, N. F., Standard says editorially:

"It may be called an open secret that American bankers have been obtaining herring for bait on our south coast in direct violation of the bait act for a long time past. In view of the fact that this country holds its bait supply as of very great value for the use of its own fishermen, and as a means to obtain reciprocal advantages from the United States it is imperative that this should be stopped, and violations punished. We are, therefore, pleased to see that Inspector O'Reilly, of the Steamship Flona, has had one violator, the master of the United States fishing schooner Harmony, brought before Magistrate Way, of Harbor Breton, and fined \$800, with an alternative of nine months' imprisonment, for infringement of the bait act, and \$400 for violation of the Customs act. There are others that, from what we can learn, amenable to punishment, and we trust it will be meted out to such as the authorities have reliable information against in their possession."

Pensacola Fish Notes.

The Pensacola correspondent of the Fishing Gazette writes to his paper:

This would have been a fine week for the fishermen if the smacks had made good catches, which they did not. There were eleven smacks in port with a total catch of only 96,000 pounds of fish, of which 8,000 pounds were grouper and the balance red-snapper. The biggest single haul was made by the smack Caldwell H. Colt, of the Warren Fish Co., which carried 14,000 pounds of redsnapper and 3,000 pounds of grouper. The Alcoma, of the same company, had 14,000 pounds of redsnapper. Ten thousand pounds was the highest catch of redsnapper of any of the other vessels.

Of the eleven vessels which made port eight were to the Warren Fish Co., and three to the E. E. Sanders & Co. The grouper were carried by vessels of the Warren fleet. That concern had a total of 65,000 pounds of redsnapper and 8,000 pounds of grouper. E. E. Sanders & Co. in their three vessels had 23,000 pounds of redsnapper.

The arrivals to the companies were: Warren Fish Co., smack Clara P. Sewell, 4,000 lbs. redsnapper; smack Ariola, 4,000 lbs. do.; smack Alcoma, 14,000 lbs. do.; smack Mineola, 4,000 lbs. do.; smack Chisopee, 10,000 lbs. do., 3,000 lbs. grouper; smack Emma do., 3,000 lbs. grouper; smack Emma Wixon, 5,000 lbs. redsnapper, 3,000 lbs. grouper; smack Osceola, 10,000 lbs. redsnapper, 2,000 lbs. grouper.

ONE MACKEREL FARE IN PORT.

SCH. STILETTO LANDED 30 BARRELS FROM OFF CHATHAM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

There are no fresh mackerel fares in today, either here or at Boston. Yesterday afternoon sch. Stiletto arrived here from off Chatham with 30 barrels of salt mackerel which were sold to William H. Jordan & Co. Capt. Carritt reports that sch. Lucania, which was in company with him Monday, has gone to Georges, Capt. Welch heading her for the southeast part, to have a look. This morning sch. Electric Flash is here with no fish.

The Foreign Mackerel Catch.

A mail report from Dingle, Ireland, says that of 10,000 mackerel landed there one week only 2000 were cured.

News from Norway by mail reports mackerel fishing good. At one place 100,000 fish sold for curing. Sales were made as low as one-half cent each. Some of the boats would give up fishing as the low prices prevailing did not pay them.

Writing from Dublin, Ireland, a traveling correspondent of the Chicago News, who has been talking with Irish fish curers, says there is a combined effort on the part of fishermen and curers to recover the position which Ireland formerly held as an exporter of mackerel to America. The American market is worth fighting for. Last year the import of mackerel into the United States was valued at over \$1,500,000. At one time Ireland supplied a great part of the American demand, but the industry has been declining in recent years, and one curer declares that owing to the steady fall in prices the American market is now almost closed to Irish cure.

Norwegian fourth grade mackerel, he says, fetches something like \$3 per barrel more than Irish. He advocates a government brand for cured mackerel, similar to that which has already been established for cured herrings and argues that the establishment of such a brand would lead to a higher and more uniform quality and to better marketing of the fish.

The mackerel caught off the coast of Korea are of much superior quality than those of Japan proper, and there is an abundance of the fish. The Japanese authorities and men engaged in the fisheries are now considering salting mackerel for the American market. It is believed the Korean mackerel, says the Journal of Fisheries of Japan, may be comparable with the Irish or Newfoundland product. In fact, an experimental sale of the salt mackerel has been made in San Francisco with favorable result. The freight rate from Ireland or Newfoundland across the sea and the continent to western America is far higher than that of the transpacific lines; the chances of the Japanese salt mackerel in America in competition with those of the Atlantic countries are good.

DOGFISH LEGISLATION NEEDED.

Portland Express Advocates Establishment of Reduction Works.

The Portland Express says editorially:

"The complaints of the fishermen at the ravages of the dogfish remind that Maine has a great need of a live wire to represent this menace in Congress. It was hoped that a conference between Secretary C. E. Davis of the National Dogfish Petitions and Legislation, and Congressman McGilllicuddy of Maine, would result at this session in the introduction of a resolution providing for sufficient appropriations to carry on the work of turning the dogfish losses into profits. It has ever since 1903 been satisfactorily proved to Congress that the dogfish is one of the greatest of known menaces to the National sea food supply and to the revenue derived therefrom. The ugly member of the shark family devours small lobsters, mackerel, haddock, hake, herring, codfish—in fact about everything is grist for his digestive mill. He will clear off a fisherman's trawl as neatly as it could be done with a knife and then he will swallow the trawl itself as a sort of dessert.

Canada has gone about this dogfish matter in a business-like manner. It already has three reduction plants where over 3,000,000 dogfish are reduced annually. Canadian farmers

can buy dogfish fertilizer at \$30 a ton, equal in nitrogen to two tons of American chemical fertilizers, for which \$40 to \$50 a ton must be paid. There should be at least half a dozen reduction works between Eastport and Cape Cod and it is certainly high time we stopped talking about the dogfish menace and did something to remedy it as our Canadian cousins have done so profitably and satisfactorily."

WIND KEEPS IN SMALL CRAFT.

GUINEA BOATS MAKING PAYING TRIPS AFTER FRESH FISH.

The blowy weather has kept the gasoline seining fleet in at the wharves the past two days, and blue-back receipts therefore have been nil. The guinea boats which land at the Fort have been getting some good fishing of late, bringing in paying trips of cod, haddock and hake.

Receipts this morning are light, two vessels being down from Boston with good fares of haddock and cod to split and sch. Jeanette, from the hake fields, is in with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish, most all "goats."

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Harriet, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Jeanette, Cape Shore, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Matchless, via Boston.
Sch. George Parker, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Georgia, seining.
Sch. Arabia, seining.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.
Sch. Robert and Carr, seining.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, shacking.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, shacking.
Sch. Juno, halibuting.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shacking.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$23 per bbl. for large, and \$16 per bbl. for tinkers.
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87 1/2, medium \$4.37 1/2, snappers \$3.
Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62 1/2, medium \$4.25.
Salt bank dory handline cod \$4.37 1/2 per cwt. for large and \$3.87 1/2 for mediums.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12 1/2, medium \$3.62 1/2.
Haddock, \$2.00.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.75.
Eastern shack cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.62 1/2 for mediums.
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.
Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.35 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.
Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; hake, \$90.
Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.
Bank halibut 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8c. for gray.
Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
Fresh mackerel, large 31c; mediums, 22c; tinkers, 5c each.
Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

BETTER PRICE FOR SWORDFISH

LARGE FISH SOLD AT 6 1/2 CENTS PER POUND AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

The swordfish price is climbing the ladder, and this morning the crafts in, four of them, with an aggregate of 259 fish, got 6 1/2 cents per pound. Small fish, those under 110 pounds, however, are selling at 4 1/2 cents per pound. Sch. Valentinna with 119 fish has the largest catch.

There are no fresh mackerel in and only five trips of ground fish, and most of these are small. Prices are good, haddock selling at \$1.50 and \$2; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6 and pollock \$2.50 and \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Reta A. Veator, 78 swordfish.
Sch. Vesta, 42 swordfish.
Sch. Valentinna, 119 swordfish.
Sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 20 swordfish.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 27,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 600 haddock, 14,000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Laura Enos, 400 haddock, 1200 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Emelia Enos, 25,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 28,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 8000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; swordfish, 4 1/2 to 6 1/2 cents per lb.

Another Anchor in Trawler's Nets.

The steam trawler Crest got another big anchor in her nets while fishing about 75 miles southeast of the Highlands in the South channel Monday. This anchor, although not as water-worn as the last one brought in by the nets of the trawlers, was almost completely covered with giant barnacles. It measured over 10 feet long. The woodwork was worm-eaten and water-logged. Shortly after picking up this anchor the nets pulled in an immense puncheon, which looked as though it might have held molasses.

Found Bait and Fish Plentiful.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, which arrived at Mulgrave, N. S., on Saturday from Perce bank, reports both bait and fish plentiful on that ground. The craft is reported to have a full fare of fresh cod. This ground is one in the gulf of St. Lawrence, which is not generally frequented by our vessels, but is somewhat of a favorite spot of Capt. John Atwood, this being the second big strike he has made there about this time of the season in the past two years.

Lost Topmast in Squall.

While hurrying to get into T wharf with a trip of fish, the sch. Harriet ran into a squall about 80 miles southeast of Boston light Monday evening, and lost a portion of her fore-topmast. The spar fell clear of the deck, so no one was injured.

Small Herring in Nahant Traps.

Italian fishermen hauling the traps off Nahant got a surprise yesterday morning. The waters inside the traps seemed fairly alive with small herring, and between them the Italians landed nearly 400 barrels at T dock yesterday morning. Most of them will probably go to the canneries.

Bait Scarce at Provincetown.

Provincetown reports that the supply of squid bait is running short again. The steamer Angella B. Nickerson ran in there yesterday with enough blueback herring to bait the schooner Mildred Robinson.

Storm Destroyed Lobster Pots.

The severe storm at Newport Monday held the whole fleet of small fishing boats in port. No disasters are reported, but \$1000 worth of lobster pots were destroyed.

Portland Fishing Notes.

Sch. Watauga was at Portland yesterday with a trip of 6000 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of mixed fish which were sold in the local market. None of the fishing fleet went out Monday on account of the thick and rainy weather.

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MACKEREL ON GEORGES.

LARGE SCHOOLS REPORTED SEEN RECENTLY BY SWORD-FISHERMEN.

Swordfishermen at T wharf yesterday report large schools of mackerel on the southeastern part of Georges recently. The fish are really just off the edge of the bank, in 50 and 60 fathoms of water, and well over, about 150 miles from Highland light.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Stiletto sold to William H. Jordan & Co. at \$20 per barrel for large unrimmed fish and \$16 for tinkers.

LOOKS FOR SUITABLE SITE.

B. A. Smith Inspected Several Properties at Louisburg Recently.

A Louisburg, C. B., dispatch of Friday, to the Sydney Record, says:

"Benjamin Smith of Gloucester, was in town Wednesday and left by the evening express for Sydney. While here Mr. Smith looked over some properties with a view to erecting a fishing plant, but nothing definite in the purchase of property has been done. The Gorton-Pew fishing plant is therefore as remote as it was a month ago."

Spoke Dory Handliners.

Capt. Louis Wharton of sch. Oriole reports speaking sch. Lillian on the northern part of Quero Bank recently. The captain also reports seeing the dory handliner Harvard, Thomas A. Cromwell, Eleonor, Arbutus and Fannie E. Perscott on St. Peter's bank, two weeks ago today. There had been good fishing there, the Oriole getting 100 tubs in 10 days.

Some of the fleet above mentioned were handicapped by not having slickers and before he left for home, Capt. Wharton, who had a good supply of both slickers and lead, furnished some of the vessels with these very necessary articles for catching the fish which were not taking the baited hooks well.

Salt Cargo Arrived.

The Italian ship, Yallarol arrived at this port from Trapani yesterday afternoon, after a passage of 70 days, with a cargo of 2100 tons of salt consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. The captain reports no accidents on the passage across, having fair weather, but was 36 days in reaching Gibraltar from Trapani.

Profited by Delay.

The captain of sch. Stranger made a wise move when he held over a day with his fare at T wharf. The craft came in at T wharf Monday with 111 swordfish, but the skipper did not like the price offered, and decided to hang on until Tuesday. He made money by so doing, for he got about one cent per pound more for his fish.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, from the Perce fishing grounds, was at Mulgrave, N. S., Saturday, hauling for 150,000 pounds of codfish.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey was at Shelburne, N. S. Saturday.

Sch. Arbutus was at Louisburg, C. B., Friday. Capt. Kemp reported poor fishing on Quero.

St. Pierre, Miq., Fisheries.

A report upon the fisheries of St. Pierre, Miq., shows the affairs there are in a most encouraging state. Last year a local fleet of 55 vessels landed fish at the island, while in 1909 the local fleet only numbered 44 vessels. The catch of last year represented about \$450,000 to the islanders.

MITES FROM MAINE.

Mixed mackerel have struck in shore, 2000 pounds having been brought into Portland in one day from the traps at Small Point and Richmond island. The fish vary in size from tinkers to large four-pound fish. During the palmy days of the mackerel industry the appearance of the smaller sized fish, commonly called tinkers, was almost invariably followed by a good catch during the months of August and September.

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BAIT QUESTION A BIG PROBLEM.

LESS PLentiful AT NOVA SCOTIA THAN ON NEW ENGLAND COAST.

Bait is a big problem with the fishermen at the present time. There seems to be plenty of fish most anywhere, but bait, as a rule, has been scarce, and strange to relate has really been more scarce on the Nova Scotia, Labrador and Newfoundland coast than it has along the New England shore.

Some weeks ago, vessels going to the eastern fishing grounds, left a plentiful supply of bait right here and went along without it, thinking they would have no trouble to the eastward, but as everybody knows, the unexpected happened and the eastern bait did not materialize to any extent, and trouble and small fares resulted in some cases. It is safe to say that none of the skippers will let any bait in this vicinity get by their bow now if they can help it.

At present bluebacks are reported at Provincetown, Plymouth and Boothbay Harbor, although there were none

at the latter port yesterday, as it was too rough for the boats to fish.

There was no squid in the traps at Provincetown yesterday.

Quite a number of the shackers have gone to Boothbay Harbor for their bait, while some of the market fishermen and halibuters will seek theirs at Provincetown.

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SCH. GOV. FOSS "DOING THINGS"

STOCKED \$9400 ON THREE HALIBUT TRIPS, CREW SHARING \$224.60.

Like her distinguished namesake, the new sch. Gov. Foss has been "doing things" since she started.

She has been in commission two months under command of Capt. Fred Thompson and in that time has made three trips halibuting. On these the splendid stock of \$9400 has been made and the members of the crew have profited to the extent of \$224.60 clear per man.

Thus far this season, Capt. Thompson has been going like a house afire. He started the season, halibuting on January 4, in sch. John Hays Hammond, and up to date has stocked in two crafts \$21,300.

THROWN INTO THE WATER.

But Grasped Headgear When Vessel Plunged and Saved Himself.

Thrown from his position on the pulpit at the end of the bowsprit of the sch. Rita A. Viator during a squall Thomas Loranzo, one of the crew, had a miraculous escape from drowning a week ago. Loranzo was in the pulpit watching for swordfish, when the schooner dipped into a choppy sea. He was caught off his guard, and the next moment toppled into the water. Loranzo managed to keep afloat and when the schooner again dipped, he grasped the headgear, and hung on until his companions assisted him aboard.

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Newfoundland Fishery Reports.

Messages from the western side of Placentia Bay, N. F., the past few days indicate that the fishery there is so backward that people are taking their traps out of the water and abandoning the voyage, which will be much below the average.

The Twillingate, N. F., fleet, fishing on the French shore, did poorly this season, most of the vessels returning with catches of from 40 to 70 qtls.

Raise for Fresh Halibut.

Fresh halibut are bringing a fine price this morning, a raise of a cent per pound all around being made over last sales, the trip of sch. Kineo selling to the New England Fish Company at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

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SEINERS STILL AFTER MACKEREL.

Believe That Fish Will Show up in the Near Future.

May Be Found on Massachusetts or Maine Coasts or Bay of Fundy.

The blowy weather which has prevailed this week has interfered to some extent with the operations of the mackerel seining fleet and no fares of fresh mackerel are reported in at any port today.

This morning steamer Bessie M. Dugan arrived at this port with 10 1-2 barrels of salted tinkers, which sold to Harvey C. Smith & Son for a lump sum, which figures out a little better per barrel than last sales, which were at \$10 per barrel.

Capt. Vautier got his fish down off Chatham, and would not have come home only for the "grub" giving out and all hands being without a regular meal for 48 hours, for he had heard of the report of Capt. George H. Peeples of the schools of fish to the southeast of No Man's Land and was anxious to go and have a look in that direction.

Like many of the other seining skippers, Capt. Vautier believes that "somebody is going to get the awful trip pretty soon." The only question at present is where to go to find the fish. All know there was a good body to the westward of the lightship and also quite a lot of fish up off

Chatham, and besides this that a big body of tinkers has been reported and seen from Chatham to Halfway Rock on the Maine coast. These tinkers seen off Chatham and off Provincetown also appear to have gone somewhere and the natural inference is that they are now somewhere in the Bay of Fundy or on the Maine coast.

Aside from the tinkers there is a lot of big fish taking it easy in some sequestered spot, and to find them means a whole year's work in one trip for some lucky skipper and crew.

Speaking of the tinkers, Capt. Vautier believes that if a skipper can hang on and keep going until the middle of September he will see some big doings on the Maine coast and in this belief he is backed by the opinion also of many others of the observing mackerel catchers.

Capt. William Parsons will keep on seining in sch. Saladin and Capt. Lewis Carritt will also keep at it in sch. Stiletto.

Some of the crew of sch. Kineo which arrived here this morning, report seeing a good school of fish off Isle of Shoals yesterday. They are not sure just what they were but some of the men thought they were mackerel.

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GIVE MARKET--GET BAIT SUPPLY.

Significant Remark in Interview With Premier Morris.

Of especial interest here at the present time is a Reuters' agency interview with Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, given at London just after he arrived there for the coronation. Particularly significant is the part where the premier says:

"Our waters teem with bait fish—that is, with the caplin, squid and herring, required by the United States and Canadian fishermen for the prosecution of the fisheries. Our people are prepared to give these fishermen a reasonable amount of bait—provided they open their markets for our fish."

The interview was as follows. "Asked about reciprocity arrangement recently entered into between Canada and the United States and how it was likely to affect Newfoundland, Sir Edward said, that time alone would be able to give a correct estimate. As it was largely a domestic matter between the two countries, he did not care to give any decided expression of opinion. The world was already aware of the position of reciprocity as between Newfoundland and the United States.

"The colony had entered into a treaty in 1890 with the United States. This was never ratified for the reason that Canada intervened and objected to Newfoundland making a treaty in relation to the North American Fisheries, except by taking Canada in. In 1902 another treaty was entered into. "This treaty was amended to death in the Senate in 1904 and has since not been brought forward.

The Newfoundland government is prepared at any time to discuss with the United States a reciprocity arrangement on terms that will commend themselves to the Newfoundland government. Our waters teem with bait fish—that is, with the caplin, squid and herring, required by the United States and Canadian fishermen for the prosecution of the fisheries. Our people are prepared to give these fishermen a reasonable amount of bait—provided they open their markets for our fish. At present, fish from Newfoundland and going to the United States pays a 1c a lb. duty. There is no doubt about it that in a very short time the hundred millions of people in the United States who want cheap food will insist on free markets for fish."

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Sch. Ingomar Stocked \$3607.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, stocked \$3607 on her recent fresh and salt shack trip.

Stocked \$3722 on Halibut Trip.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, stocked \$3722 as the result of her recent quick halibut trip, the crew sharing \$95.80 clear.

Fitting for Shacking.

Sch. Romance is fitting for shacking under Capt. Tony Goularte.

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Beverly Fisherman Dead.

Larry White, one of the crew of the Beverly fishing schooner James R. Clark, died under an operation for appendicitis at the Marine hospital, Yarmouth, Saturday night, aged 35 years. He leaves a widow and two children, and belonged to Abram's River, N. S.

Fresh Cod Sale.

The large fare of fresh cod of sch. Lillian sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company at \$2.35 for large and \$1.90 for mediums.